

Sociology

MAJOR @ VITERBO UNIVERSITY



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Overview

The Viterbo sociology major is designed to help students develop an understanding of how individuals are influenced by the social contexts in which they live. Courses provide students with training in the fundamental areas of sociological theory and research, and simultaneously cultivate critical thinking and communication skills. Our curriculum also has a strong focus on issues of social inequality, thereby fostering an appreciation for human diversity, a sense of global awareness, and a commitment to community service. This unique set of skills and knowledge not only makes students an asset to employers in an increasingly diverse society, but also provides students with the personal insights that enrich their own lives.

Why Viterbo?

- The curriculum has a strong focus on class, race, and gender inequality. Our faculty also offer courses in the Latin American studies minor, the women's studies minor, and the gerontology minor, which allow students to cultivate a deeper understanding of diverse populations.
- Our majors must complete an original research project on a sociological issue of interest to them. This project not only enables students to actively participate in the process of sociological inquiry, but also provides valuable preparation for graduate studies.
- Majors are required to participate in community service during two semesters of their undergraduate education. These activities extend learning beyond the classroom and allow students to gain practical experience that they might apply in their future careers.
- The department sponsors an annual weekend trip to Chicago. Participants tour various ethnic neighborhoods and observe life in an urban environment.
- Our department houses a chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the national sociology honor society.

For More Information www.viterbo.edu/crmj/

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Career Options

- graduate school
- human resource management
- human services
- social research

Features of the Curriculum

- human services experience
- quantitative research methods
- racial and ethnic groups
- sociology of gender
- social stratification
- sociological theory